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SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

REF: ISLAMABAD 5216

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL REPORT OF PAK-AFGHAN AGREEMENT ON CESSATION OF PERSONAL PROPAGANDA. WE ARE REPEATING THIS CABLE TO TEHRAN AND NEW DELHI.

2. HAVING RECEIVED WORD PREVIOUSLY FROM ISLAMABAD AND KABUL THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO STOPPING PERSONAL ATTACKS (ISLAMABAD 4914; KABUL 3424), DEPARTMENT ADVISED SENATOR PERCY LAST WEEK OF PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN TWO SIDES. PERCY HAD REQUESTED THROUGH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE A FULL REVIEW OF RESULTS OF HIS INITIATIVE SINCE LAST FEBRUARY. COPY OF LETTERS THIS SUBJECT FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS POUCHED TO ISLAMABAD AND KABUL.

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3. IN VIEW SENATOR PERCY'S CONTINUING INTEREST, DEPARTMENT

HAS ADVISED SENATOR THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE NOW AGREED TO CESSATION OF PERSONAL PROPAGANDA. WE HAVE ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE HELD CLOSELY. SENATOR PERCY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR INFORMATION AND APPRECIATION TO BOTH EMBASSIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF HIS INITIATIVE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO INFORM IRANIANS

OF THIS DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF SHAH'S INTEREST IN MODERATING PAK-AFGHAN TENSIONS. WE URGED HIM NOT TO DISCLOSE THIS TO IRANIANS AT THIS TIME (HE HAD SUGGESTED DISCUSSING MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI), IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF AFGHANS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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